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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/438,358; Filed: November 12, 1999
For: **Enhanced *In Vitro* Recombinational Cloning Using Ribosomal Proteins**
Inventors: GERARD *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4640001/RWE/BJD/JKM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview;
2. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings (with twenty-one (21) sheets of formal drawings); and
3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview

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Sir:

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Gerald G. Leffers, Jr. for the telephonic interview conducted on August 3, 2004. Pursuant to the Interview Summary mailed August 10, 2004, which directs Applicants to file a statement of the substance of the interview within one month from the date of the interview if a reply to the last Office Action has already been filed, Applicants submit herewith such a statement.

During the interview, Applicants requested signed/initialed copies of two Forms PTO-1449 that were filed in the present application on January 22, 2004, and July 30, 2003, respectively, but that had not yet been received by Applicants. The Examiner determined that these two Forms PTO-1449 had not been mailed to Applicants previously and agreed to send copies of the signed/initialed forms.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are twenty-one sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1-21, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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